



City of Cincinnati

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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **CITY CREWS RESPOND TO HEAVY RAIN**

Earlier today, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for all of Hamilton County with the possibility of 2"-3" of rainfall expected within a few hours. Crews from the Stormwater Utility Division/MSD and Public Services/Traffic & Road Operations Division have been working addressing high water and ponding complaints in several areas throughout the City of Cincinnati since storms began. A total of 46 complaints have been received and each complaint is currently being addressed and/or has been resolved.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. crews responded to Mt. Airy for reports of high water along West Fork Road near Colerain Avenue. 4"-5" of water, gravel and several large logs covered one lane of traffic, causing traffic to be diverted into the opposite lane. Water and debris were removed quickly and the road was cleared and reopened to traffic by 12:15 p.m.

In Riverside and Saylor Park, crews are currently working to clear one lane of traffic from mud, debris and water from 4750 and 5949 River Road which were flooded due to blocked and/or clogged stormwater inlets. This work is expected to be complete by 2:30 p.m. today and all lanes of traffic reopened at that time.

Citizens can report issues regarding high water, flooding and ponding areas on roadways by calling the City of Cincinnati Customer Service Hotline at 591-6000. This hotline is available on a 24-hour, 7 days per week basis.

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